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FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

February 11, 2004

Jack Eberspacher, Treasurer
Agricultural Retailers Association Political
Action Committee
1156 15th Street NW, Suite 302
Washington, DC 20005

Response Due Date:
March 12, 2004

Identification Number: C00264770

Reference: Amended April Quarterly Report (1/1/03-3/31/03), received 1/27/04

Dear Mr. Eberspacher:

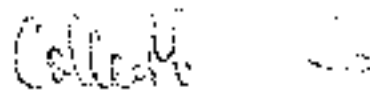
This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **An adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above.** An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B of your report discloses a transfer(s) totaling \$33,000 to what appears to be a non-federal account of your committee. Please be advised that committees that make disbursements in connection with federal and non-federal elections and have established separate federal and non-federal accounts, must allocate their expenses pursuant to 11 CFR §§106.6 and 106.7. Please provide further clarification regarding this transfer(s). The Commission recommends that you take steps to correct any non-compliance, and that you establish procedures to ensure future compliance with the allocation regulations.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.** Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 1, then press 2 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1639.

Sincerely,



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